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VISITORS, CADRE MEETINGS SLOW DOWN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
AT LI YU-AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COOPERATIVE, CHINA

VISITORS HINDER WORK OF COOPERATIVE

Too many visitors come to learn about the work of successful organizations, as evidenced by the experience of the Li Yu-an Agricultural Production Cooperative in the Hsuan-ch'eng Hsien of Anhwei Province. Within 40 days, 13 separate groups, totaling 109 people, were sent to this cooperative to inquire about its model experiments. The largest group consisted of 28 persons, presenting a problem as to food and sleeping accommodations. Agricultural production was seriously hindered.

TOO MANY PROGRAMS CONFUSE CADRES

During February, too many programs were carried on simultaneously. The following were being tried out at the same time: winter training of the militia, establishing quick literacy methods, studying of taxes on agricultural products, setting up of a radio receiving center, establishing a culture center, and implementing the new marriage laws. Members of the militia, up at 0500 hours for their training, were studying culture until after 2200 hours. People became physically exhausted.

LACK OF UNITY IN LEADERSHIP

Another fault was that of lack of unity in leadership. Farmers were puzzled by the competing claims of the various cadre leaders. For example, at the time of the Spring Festival, when cadres from the Culture Institute taught farmers how to dance, the cadres teaching literacy upbraided the dancing instructors for thus wasting time.

CONFUSION IN CONFERENCE DATES

There were many conflicts in conferences. When meetings were called, the dates were not first cleared through the higher authorities. On a single day, 28 February, a certain cadre was expected to attend five different meetings,

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one concerning the implementation of the marriage laws, one of the Democratic Youth Corps, one of the Culture Institute, one of the Agricultural Production Cooperative, and one of the Literacy Committee. The cadre was puzzled as to which to attend and which he could omit without being criticized for slighting an important conference.

TOO MANY REPORTS LEAVE NO TIME FOR STUDY

The constant running around to attend meetings also makes it impossible for the cadres themselves to be learning anything. One cadre remarked that people always wanted reports and speeches, but soon there was nothing left for him to talk about, since there was no time left for study or experimentation. This is a serious matter, for, if not corrected, the model workers and cadres would soon forfeit leadership ability.

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